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Pioneer Days Begin

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Carbondale- The Fourth Annual Pioneer Days celebration officially got under way Monday when Mayor Fred J. Mancuso welcomed the dozens of concessioners, vendors, bands and commercial merchants who will be particpating in the week-long event.

Mayor Mancuso opened the ceremonies from Carbondale's showmobile located at the city's Memorial Park. The showmobile will be the sight of numerous free concerts as well as a variety of musical and magical acts for the entire family.

Tonight is Maguire TV Electronics Night. The evening's entertainment will begin with the "sleight of hand" magic tricks of Cosmic Louie and Faye at 6. They are followed by a thrilling martial arts exhibition featuring the Carbondale Karate Club at 7.

From 7 to 9 the unique "Dorflinger Glass" collection by Kurt A. Reed will be featured in city hall council chambers. At 8:30 the "oom-pah music" of the Henry Charles Orchestra, a German band, will be featured.

Wednesday's festivities will be just as entertaining. At 8 a.m. the Third Annual Carbondale Police Department Police Pistol Combat Competition will be held at the Carbondale Area High School field. Which department is the best? That question will be answered on Wednesday. Also free blood pressure screenings sponsored by Carbondale General Hospital will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Hall lobby.

Pet lovers should appreciate the Pioneer Days Pet Show which will be held at 2 p.m. in Memorial Park. From 2 to 4 p.m. "Pioneer Carbondale" by Kay and Oliver Shifler will be presented in City Hall Council Chambers. An entertaining and educational program about the Pioneer City will highlight the program.